

positions in AFSCME Council 83, based in Duncansville, Pennsylvania. These positions include staff representative, member of the Council Executive Board, and member of the Council Steering Committee. In February of 2006, Mr. Sgro became the staff director of Council 83.

In addition to his service to AFSCME Council 83, Mr. Sgro also spent 20 years working for PennDOT as an equipment operator. He also served the Local 2121 as its president and is now a member of the Retired Public Employees of Pennsylvania (RPEP), Subchapter 8306. He also serves on the Board of the Pennsylvania Employee Benefit Trust Fund (PEBTF) and the Executive Board of the Central Pennsylvania Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO (Central PA ALF). He is also an alternate vice president to the AFL-CIO.

Over the years Mr. Sgro has been supported by his wife Jaime and his two daughters Danielle and Michelle.

Madam Speaker, I close my remarks by congratulating Mr. Mickey Sgro for the 2009 Labor Award and for all of his accomplishments.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON

Bill: Fiscal Year 2010 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Ozarks Medical Center

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1100, West Plains, MO 65775

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 for equipment in a new and expanded Emergency Department.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON

Bill: Fiscal Year 2010 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southeast Missouri State University

Address of Requesting Entity: One University Plaza, MS 1900: Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$205,000 for the Southeast Health on Wheels (SHOW) Mobile Program. The SHOW Mobile initiative is a health literacy, health promotional and disease prevention and primary health and dental care program designed to serve Southeast Missouri. The program is administered by the College of Health and Human Services of Southeast Missouri State University.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON

Bill: Fiscal Year 2010 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Southeast Missouri State University

Address of Requesting Entity: One University Plaza, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$500,000 to expand the services of Kent Library into a modern Information Commons concept and to link the same technical and support services that this renovation will provide to the students, faculty, and staff on the main campus, to the students and faculty on the River Campus, four regional campuses and the community within the University's service region.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON

Bill: Fiscal Year 2010 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Three Rivers Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 2080 3 Rivers Boulevard, Popular Bluff, MO 63901

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$215,000 to upgrade the delivery and management of on-line learning system. This enhancement will make it possible to rapidly expand education/training programs, and the initiation of on-line degree programs.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON

Bill: Fiscal Year 2010 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 207 N. Washington St, Box 249, East Prairie, MO 63845

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 for the Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center's Positive Alternative System Strategies to Work, or "Pass to Work," program will provide families with activities designed to emphasize good academic and healthy physical performance for at-risk children. In addition, this program will offer employment training, career counseling, and health behavior advice.

Requesting Member: Congresswoman JO ANN EMERSON

Bill: Fiscal Year 2010 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Missouri State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 901 S. National, Springfield, MO 65897

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 for nursing and allied technology enhancements, specifically to create nursing clinical simulation laboratories at the West Plains campus to support their nursing and allied health programs.

COMMEMORATING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate once again the anniversary of Turkey's illegal invasion and occupation of Cyprus, beginning in 1974, lasting up to the

present time. The division of Cyprus has wreaked havoc on the island nation and left its Turkish-occupied section in disarray. It is cruel that the Cypriot people should continue to be subjected to this conflict.

Three summers ago, we were all pleased to see the two sides reach a major breakthrough in the troubled history of this divided island. After years of conflict, both sides committed themselves to the re-unification of Cyprus based on a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation and political equality. By agreeing to these principles, they recognized the status quo is unacceptable and that continuing it only hurts Turkish and Greek Cypriots.

It is my hope—and I believe my colleagues share in my feeling—that the two sides will soon be able to begin full-fledged negotiations, leading to a final status agreement and the removal of all Turkish troops from the island. Last Congress, this House expressed its support for these efforts by unanimously passing H. Res. 405, of which I was a proud cosponsor.

Madam Speaker, we urge the two parties to move forward in their discussions and, at the same time, we urge the international community to step back and allow the Cypriots—and the Cypriots alone—to make the decisions affecting their future. No one can force an agreement on them.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R.3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the Mount Nittany Medical Center, 1800 East Park Avenue, State College, PA 16803, in the amount of \$150,000. Funding will be used to support the expansion of its East Wing.

COMMEMORATING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAGIC ATTACK ON THE ARGENTINE JEWISH MUTUAL ASSOCIATION

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the tragic events that took place at the Argentine Jewish Mutual Association (AMIA) in Buenos Aires. This tragic attack on a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires left 85 innocent people dead and 300 wounded in what remains the largest terrorist attack in Argentine history.

This bombing is a reminder of the very real and dangerous threat of anti-Semitism in the world. In an ongoing investigation, the Argentinean courts formally charged officials in the

Iranian Government, including former President Rafsanjani, as well as militants from their proxy group Hezbollah for plotting and carrying out this attack.

In 2006, Argentina issued arrest warrants for these individuals. The following year, INTERPOL issued arrest warrants, but 15 years after the attack no arrests have been made. Iran and its neighbors continue to offer a safe harbor to these terrorists. These warrants were ignored by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, who did nothing to apprehend Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and Mohsen Rezaei, two suspected terrorists who attended a conference last June hosted by the Saudi Government. According to a State Department report, Hezbollah and Hamas sympathizers continue to raise funds and support in the border region of Argentina as well.

The people responsible for such a brutal attack on a Jewish community center, as well as whatever government or organizations supported them must be brought to justice. As we mark the 15th anniversary we must continue to condemn these attacks, support its ongoing investigation, and urge the rest of the world to do so as well.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education—Elementary & Secondary Education, Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE)

Project Funding Amount: \$150,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Polk County Public Schools

Address of Requesting Entity: 1915 South Floral Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to help fund the Polk County Safety Surveillance System Pilot Project, specifically the purchase and installment of alarm systems and surveillance equipment at 27 campuses throughout the school district. Implementation of these security systems would enable school officials and local law enforcement to monitor for and assess invasive acts of violence, theft and vandalism, coordinate effective responses to bring situations under control and protect approximately 20,000 students, teachers and other staff on these campuses. Educators and school administrators alike know that students who do not feel safe in school have difficulty concentrating in class and retaining what is taught and that positive student engagement in the classroom is a key factor in promoting student achievement. The participating pilot schools were selected based on the frequency and volume of theft, vandalism and violent incidents and requests for additional security guards to protect the people attending after-

school events at these locations. Selections were determined by the Director of the Department of Safe Schools whose department records and processes these incidents.

Requesting Member: Congressman ADAM H. PUTNAM

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Department of Education—Higher Education, Fund for the Improvement of Post-secondary Education (FIPSE)

Project Funding Amount: \$300,000

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Polk State College (The legal name of Polk Community College changed to Polk State College following the approval of their Board of Trustees in March 2009, to reflect the addition of baccalaureate offerings at the college. The change took effect on July 1, 2009, the beginning of the new fiscal year).

Address of Requesting Entity: 999 Avenue H, N.E., Winter Haven, FL 33881

Description of Request: It is my understanding that funding would be used to address a skills gap currently hampering the ability of hospitals and clinics in Polk County, Florida to fill critical positions, expand, and adapt to meet the needs of an aging population. Polk State College (PSC) seeks funding to enhance its Nursing, Cardiovascular Technology (CVT), Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS), Radiography, and Emergency Medical Technology programs in order to address the critical need for qualified Allied Health professionals in the region. Funding would be used to develop an Echocardiography track in addition to the Cardiovascular Technology Invasive track Associate of Science (AS) degree program, hire additional faculty and staff, and purchase updated training technology. Funding is also requested to equip two classrooms with computer technology necessary for PSC's Educator Preparation Institute's (EPI) teacher-training courses in Technology.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GLENN THOMPSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as a part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010. The entity to receive funding is the DuBois Regional Medical Center, 100 Hospital Avenue, P.O. Box 447, DuBois, PA 15801, in the amount of \$100,000. Funding will be used for the purchase of a Digital C-Arm.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. VERNON J. EHLERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Mr. EHLERS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to Republican Leadership standards, I am submitting the following information regarding projects I received funding for as part of H.R.

3293—Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Agency: Department of Health & Human Services

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Grand Rapids Public Schools

Address of Requesting Entity: 1331 Franklin Ave. SE., Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Description of Request: The bill provides \$500,000 for the Central Health Science Campus, a new education redevelopment model that is being advanced by the Grand Rapids Public Schools in partnership with several local colleges, universities, health institutions, and community stakeholders. The purpose is to create a mixed-use campus centered on the health science industry that connects K–12, higher education, and job providers all on one site. The education redevelopment of the Central campus is a valuable use of federal taxpayer dollars as those funds will foster new, innovative public-private partnerships and help to leverage additional private and state resources and support for the betterment of student achievement, workforce development, economic development, and the entire neighborhood. Most importantly, the federal funds will benefit a population of students and a surrounding neighborhood that includes a high percentage of disadvantaged children.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Agency: Department of Health & Human Services

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Spectrum Health

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Michigan Street NW., Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Description of Request: The bill provides \$200,000 for Spectrum Health, a regional leader in orthopedic care. Spectrum Health is developing an Orthopedic Surgical Treatment Effectiveness Registry to track patient health outcomes; this will ultimately help improve the quality of care provided at Spectrum Health and elsewhere. The registry would contain long-term patient procedure and outcome data and use evidence-based clinical standards set by the orthopedics community to measure effectiveness of procedures. Ultimately, a registry like this will enable Spectrum Health to be at the forefront of research and help us ensure orthopedic patients—many of whom are elderly Medicare beneficiaries—receive the most clinically appropriate and cost-effective treatments possible, a valuable use of taxpayer funds.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERNON J. EHLERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Agency: Department of Health & Human Services

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services